

## NWT Labour Force Activity - June 2014 -

In June 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,500 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 67.6% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate rose from 61.2% last month to 61.9% in June.

The NWT participation rate rose slightly from the previous month. The unemployment rate continued to rise as has been observed since the beginning of the year. At 9.6 per cent, the June 2014 unemployment rate is the highest in the NWT since 2001. The employment rate dropped slightly from the previous month. During the past three months the employment rate has remained stable in contrast to the seasonal peak observed in the past.

**Table 1 Monthly Highlights**  
*Northwest Territories, June 2014*

	Jun-14	May-14	Jun-13
Population	31,800	31,900	32,000
Labour Force	23,900	23,800	24,800
Employed	21,500	21,700	23,000
Unemployed	2,300	2,200	1,800
Not in Labour Force	8,000	8,100	7,200
Participation (%)	75.2	74.6	77.5
Employment (%)	67.6	68.0	71.9
Unemployment (%)	9.6	9.2	7.3

**Figure 1** *Employment Rates*  
*Northwest Territories, 2012-2014*

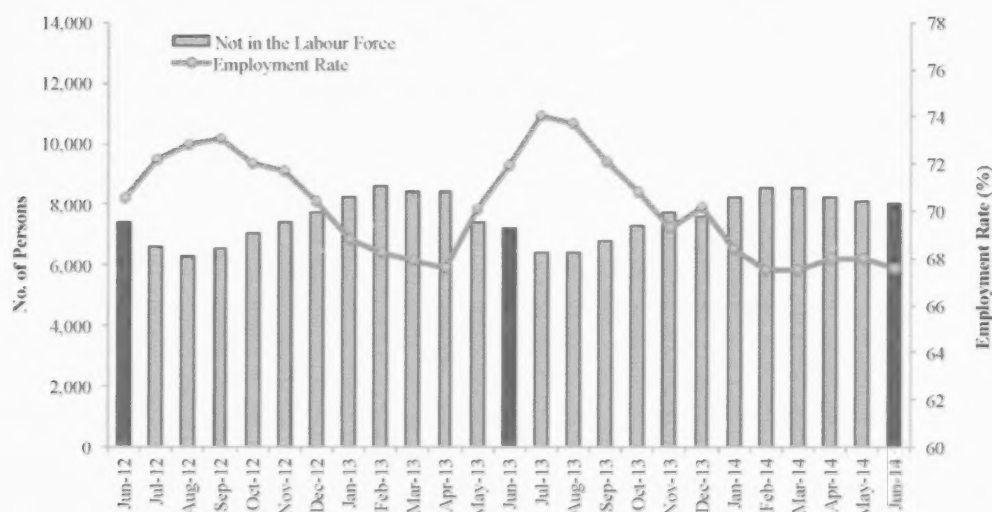


Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. Compared to the previous two months, the employment rate increased among non-Aboriginals and people living in Yellowknife.

**Table 2**      *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics  
Northwest Territories*

	Jun-14		May-14		Apr-14	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>68.0</b>
15-24 Yrs.	2,700	42.2	2,800	43.7	2,800	43.7
25 Yrs. & Over	18,800	74.0	18,900	74.1	18,900	74.1
Males	11,200	68.3	11,300	68.5	11,300	68.5
Females	10,300	66.9	10,400	67.5	10,400	67.5
Aboriginal	7,100	49.0	7,500	51.7	7,400	51.4
Non-Aboriginal	14,400	83.2	14,200	81.6	14,300	81.3
Yellowknife	12,500	79.6	12,300	78.8	12,300	77.8
Other	9,000	55.6	9,300	57.1	9,400	58.0

There were 1,500 fewer jobs in June 2014 compared to June 2013 (Table 3). The number of employed persons in June 2014 is the lowest for that month during the past 10 years. Compared to June 2013, there was a drop in the number of persons employed full-time, while there was a gain in the number of persons in part-time employment. Over the last 12 months, there was a drop in both the public and private sector, and a slight increase in self-employment.

**Table 3**      *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics  
Northwest Territories, June 2014*

	Jun-14	May-14	Jun-13	May-14 to June-14	June-13 to June-14
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,500	21,700	23,000	(200)	(1,500)
Full-time	19,000	19,200	20,600	(200)	(1,600)
Part-time	2,500	2,400	2,400	100	100
Employees	19,600	19,700	21,100	(100)	(1,500)
Public	8,500	8,500	10,000	-	(1,500)
Private	11,000	11,200	11,100	(200)	(100)
Self-employment	2,000	2,000	1,900	-	100
Goods Producing	3,500	3,700	3,900	(200)	(400)
Service Producing	18,000	18,000	19,100	-	(1,100)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

**Table 4**      **Labour Force Activity**  
**Northwest Territories**

	Population 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
Jun-14	31,800	23,900	21,500	2,300	8,000	75.2	9.6	67.6
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
<i>Previous Years:</i>								
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
Jun-12	32,000	24,700	22,600	2,100	7,400	77.2	8.5	70.6
Jun-11	32,100	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,500	76.6	8.1	70.4
Jun-10	32,300	23,300	21,600	1,800	9,000	72.1	7.7	66.9
Jun-09	32,200	23,400	21,900	1,500	8,800	72.7	6.4	68.0
Jun-08	32,100	24,300	22,600	1,600	7,900	75.7	6.6	70.4
Jun-07	31,700	24,900	23,300	1,600	6,800	78.5	6.4	73.5
Jun-06	31,200	24,600	23,200	1,400	6,600	78.8	5.7	74.4
Jun-05	31,200	23,700	22,500	1,200	7,500	76.0	5.1	72.1
Jun-04	30,900	24,000	22,200	1,800	6,900	77.7	7.5	71.8

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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